GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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STATUS OF OVERSEAS CITIZEN
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons of Indian origin who have been granted the status of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) till date;

(b) whether the Union Government is exploring the feasibility of extending the benefit of voting right to Overseas Indian Citizens; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) As of 22 August, 2007, a total number of 1,51,891 OCI documents have been issued to persons of Indian origin.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.